

## **Public Notice – Environmental Permit**

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater and storm water into a water body in Covington and Alleghany County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** May 11, 2012 to 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2012

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater and Storm water issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** MeadWestvaco of Virginia, Inc.; 104 East Riverside Street, Covington, VA; VA0003646

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** MeadWestvaco of Virginia, Inc. has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private MeadWestvaco Covington Operations. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewaters, storm water, cooling water and sewage wastewaters at a rate of 32.1 millions-of-gallons-per-day into a water body. The applicant also proposes to release storm water associated with the facility. Sludge from the treatment process will be will be disposed of in the on-site regulated landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters and storm water in the Jackson River, Dunlap Creek and Dry Run in Covington and Alleghany County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, nutrients and solids. The discharge is subject to thermal effluent limitations, as required under Section 301 of the Clean Water Act. A request to continue less stringent thermal effluent limitations has been made and is incorporated into the proposed permit, as allowed by the Law and Section 316(a) of the Act.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office - Roanoke, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke VA 24019; Phone: 540-562-6764; E-mail: [Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov) ; Fax: 540-562-6725. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.